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Applicant:	Darin R. Okerlund	:	Group Art Unit:	3768
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For: CARIAC IMAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PLANNING MINIMALLY
INVASIVE DIRECT CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY

LETTER TO EXAMINER
REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL IDS

December 22, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant herewith submits a supplemental IDS in connection with the IDS filed December 9, 2009, which included reference JP-2002143179 along with an English Abstract for the same.

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i), Applicant herewith submits an English translation of Reasons for Rejection issued by the Japanese Patent Office citing JP-2002143179 in connection with Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2006-517777, which is related to the above noted application number.

Applicant would also like to inform the Examiner that JP-2002141379 has counterpart applications US-6,650,927 and EP1182619A2, which were filed in an IDS dated December 16, 2004, and considered by the Examiner on September 8, 2009.

In view of this supplemental IDS and the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that a concise explanation of the relevance of JP-2002141379 has been satisfied in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i).

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